Gujarat is satisfactory. Presently, there are 600 trolleys i.e. 300 at domestic terminal and 300 at international terminal, provided at this airport. The trolleys are of old designs. Airports Authority of India has invited tenders for purchasing 350 new modern designed hand trolleys.

Amendment in Aircraft Rules, 1937

164. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that international airlines and National Carriers are crying foul over the DGCA's recent move to free the pricing mechanism for international flights;

(b) whether the DGCA has stated that it will amend the Aircraft Rules, 1937 to allow airlines to fix their own fares thus setting off a fare war; and

(c) if so, what are Government's views on this?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) There is a proposal regarding change in pricing mechanism for international flights. No final decision has been taken.

Modernisation of airports in Madhya Pradesh

165. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up schemes for modernisation of airports infrastructure, particularly in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any targets have been set for their completion; and

(d) if so, the position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The upgradation of airports is a continuous process

depending upon traffic potential and availability of resources. The projects undertaken at airports located in Madhya Pradesh are—

(1) Expansion of terminal building at a cost of Rs. 4.5 crores and construction of boundary wall at a cost of Rs. 2.87 crores have been completed at Bhopal airport. There is a proposal to extend the runway to 7500 feet subject to availability of land.

(2) A new terminal building with all modern facilities has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 7.92 crores at Indore airport. Extension, strengthening and recarpetting works of runway and apron have also been done at a cost of Rs. 9.05 crores.

(3) Strengthening and extension of runway to 6500 feet at a cost of Rs. 11.76 crores, construction of boundary wall at a cost of Rs. 2.68 crores and installation of Doppler Very High Frequency Omni Range/Distance Measuring Equipment [DVOR/DME], Precision Approach Path Indicator [PAPI] at a cost of Rs. 1.78 crores have been completed at Jabalpur airport. Works on construction of a new terminal building on city side at a cost of Rs. 7.46 crores has commenced.

(4) At Khajuraho Airport, there are plans for extention of runway to 7500 feet, and expansion and modification of terminal building in the first phase.

Equity stake in Air India

166. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have invited the Emirates, a Dubai based group to take a fresh look at the possible acquisition of equity stake in Air India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the consortium of Tata Singapore Airlines and the Hinduja Group have completed formalities and have submitted the technical bids for taking over the Air India's management; and

(c) if so, what are the terms of different parties showing their interest in the take over of management of Air India?

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